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QUARTERMAN YEARLY REPORT

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Dear Fathers & Brethren,

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Russia continues to supply rebels in the East, and people die there weekly, although things are calm here in the capital city. The reality hit me when I visited a cemetery in Lviv where 100 of the victims were buried, including the first martyrs of the revolution.

But God's Kingdom is advancing, especially in the training of seminarians and laying foundations for Christian education and further church planting across Ukraine and beyond.

CAPITAL FUNDS AND DEVELOPMENT

In spite of having raised the funds and made architectural plans to build a dormitory for the seminary, our site at the Reformed church property was not approved by the Kiev city officials. Nonetheless, the Lord led us to a suitable building and we are near the end of negotiations. We will only have to add showers and a kitchen to make it useable for our sessions. I have been involved in all the negotiations with architects, lawyers, and real estate agents, as well as developing the general architectural plans for the sites.

Praise God, we were finally able to register our old seminary office and its renovations, making it eligible for sale. If the current negotiations go as planned, the property will be able to be exchanged as part of our purchase price of the new dorms.

I also presented a proposal for \$75,000 to the Ambassador's Fund, which was accepted, awarding us with the funds to outfit our new property, once it is purchased.

WRITING

I wrote a 30-page article for our seminary's Theological Journal: "Submission, Collaboration, and the End of War" ("*Reformatsky Poglyad*" (*Reformed Worldview*): <http://www.reformed.org.ua/1/932/Quarterman>)

I began writing a complete website for Christian education and visited the headquarters of Discipleship Ministries (formerly CE&P), meeting with Dennis Bennett and Stephen Estock (Coordinator). I also met with Charles Dunahoo, Susan Hunt, and others about developing CE in Ukraine.

ORGANIZATION

I developed a new Christian education team from across Ukraine, and we held an organizational conference in Lviv. I hired and oversaw the work of Dasha Pilipenko, a teacher and member of our big-city church in Kiev, as a Christian education assistant.

Last month, Darlene and I took a two week intensive course in the Ukrainian language, since we're sensing an increasing need in our work for both Russian and Ukrainian language.

TEACHING & PREACHING

I taught a 3-credit Masters course in ERSU Seminary on Leadership and Strategic Planning.

I was also main speaker at a week-long retreat in Poland, teaching the Book of Acts, and I preached at the Reformed Church of the Good Shepherd in Warsaw.

I taught a one-day seminar for the Lydia Women's Institute in Kiev. We also taught weekly English classes for the Presbyterian Church of the Big City in Kiev and attended their social events.

I preached 5 times in our Presbyterian churches. In all, this year, I preached 14 times.

We made several trips to Odessa, where I spoke at graduation and preached in both our churches and at the English team worship. We also connected there with our organist and with Baptist missionaries about Christian education.

CONFERENCES

During our 6-month HMA, traveling across MS, TX, AL, TN, VA, NC, VA, SC, FL, and GA (and even NM and AZ), we visited 32 churches in which I presented 22 PowerPoint presentations and preached 9 times, as well as having another dozen visits with donors. During that time, I returned to Kiev to teach a two week seminary course.

I represented the seminary in the Netherlands at the EuCRC conference of Reformed churches in Europe.

I attended several conferences: Ukraine Leadership Conference in Lviv, Ukraine Team Retreat, MTW Reconnect Conference in Atlanta, Midway Reformed Worship Conference, and 5 Missions Conferences.

I also attended a homiletics conference put on by ITEM, and hosted the speakers.

ADMINISTRATION

After resigning as President of ERSU Seminary, I continue to serve on the Academic Staff. I spent six weeks overseeing our intensive seminary sessions.

As MTW Team Leader for Theological Education in Ukraine, I am also on the Ukraine Country Leadership Team. I continue to serve in the Presbytery of Ukraine, participating on various committees (Church Planting, TULIP Publishing). I'm also on the board of Odessa counseling center, which met in Birmingham. We had regular ERSU Seminary Staff meetings and Board meetings.

I had several meetings with Koreans to try to coordinate our work with the Lydia Women's Institute.

I also met with the Coordinator of MTW.

I wrote quarterly prayerletters and monthly newsletters, seminary and personal reports, and kept up websites and a photo site.

I passed the bookkeeping responsibilities to a new bookkeeper and helped debug her system, assisting the new president in preparing the seminary budget. Due to banking problems in Ukraine, I served at times as courier for funds for seminary, team, and churches.

REQUESTS

I would again request permission to labor out of bounds with MTW in Ukraine.

GIVE! Thank you for praying for us as we've served in Ukraine for 22 years! But we invite many of your churches to participate in this work financially. The 13 churches of our Presbytery have their own Reformed Seminary, Christian Clinic, crisis pregnancy center, Christian counseling center, and Publishing House! All of these are being run by national Ukrainian leadership! But many of them need funding! (see www.ClayQ.com/GIVE).

PRAY! Please don't forget this nation, still being shelled daily by Russian troops! I ask you, brothers, to promote the above Kingdom efforts in your churches. They need your continued cooperation, prayers and support. Donations can be sent via MTW for **Ukraine Humanitarian Aid Account #95981**.

JOIN US! Please consider partnering with **ERSU Seminary** for a completely Reformed, Covenantal, and Connectional mission ministry (MTW Account **#95995**). We need your help!

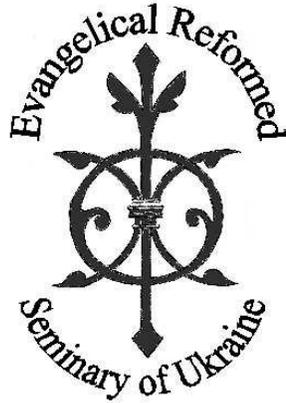
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